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INDIAN PRESS CONDEMNS BHUTTO'S CRACKDOWN ON THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY

1. THE INDIAN PRESS HAS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED THE CRACKDOWN ON THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY IN PAKISTAN. AND THE ARREST OF ITS LEADERS THE EVENT WAS WIDELY REPORTED AND HAS ENJOYED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE FOR THEPAST TWO DAYS. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF BLUNDERING, MAKING A MOCKERY OF DEMOCRACY, AND IMPOSING ONE MAN RULE.

2. THE TIMES OF INDIA ON FEBRUARY 12 SAID: "JUDGING FROM HIS DECISION TO BAN THE NATIONAL AWMI PARTY, MR. BHUTTO SEEMS TO HAVE LEARNT NOTHING FROM THE BREAKUP OF PAKISTAN IN 1971. HE HAD ALREADY DENIED POWER TO THE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN. NOW HE HAS ALSO DEPRIVED THEM OF LEGITIMATE MEANS FOR THE EXPRESSION OF THEIR GRIEVANCES AND ASPIRATIONS. THIS IS CLEARLY SUICIDAL AND BODES ILL FOR THE UNITY OF WHAT IS LEFT OF PPAKISTAN. "THE STATESMAN ADDED: "THE LATEST DECISION CAN ONLY COMPOUND THE FOLLY OF HIS (BHUTTO'S) PAST ACTIONS. FOR ALL OF HIS INTRANSIGENCE, MR. WALI KAHN IS A STRICTLY CONSTITUTIONAL LEADER WHOSE N.A.P. HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED SECESSIONIST AMBITIONS AND HAS PERSISTENTLY REJECTED KABUL'S BLANDISHMENTS. HIS REMOVAL CAN ONLY LEAVE THE FIELD OPEN FOR PAKHTOON EXTREMISTS WHO WILL NOT SCRUPLE TO TURN TO AFGHANISTAN FOR AID AND ENCOURAGEMENT."

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3. THE INDIAN EXPRESS FOUND MR. BHUTTO'S "LATEST MEASURE AMOUNTS TO THE IMPOSITION OF ONE-MAN RULE IN PAKISTAN, FOR THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY WHICH HE HAS OUTLAWED CONSTITUTED THE ONLY REAL OPPOSITION TO THE RULING PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY...MR. BHUTTO HAS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE MARKEDLY INTOLERANT OF THE OPPOSITION, AND THE PESHAWAR BOMB BLAST WHICH CLAIMED THE LIFE OF ONE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED LIEUTENANTS GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO THE EXERCISE OF DICTATORIAL POWER." THE MOTHERLAND ADDED: "THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT HAS SIMPLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION CREATED BY THE PESHAWAR INCIDENT TO THROTTLE THE VOICE OF THE OPPOSITION AND MAKE A MOCKERY OF DEMOCRACY".

4. THE NATIONAL HERALD SAID: "THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH-WESTERN FRONTIER PROVINCE HAVE MADE MR. BHUTTO'S POSITION VULNERABLE IN HIS COUNTRY, AND U.S. ARMS WILL NOT STRENGTHEN HIM. IN FACT, THERE IS A DANGER OF HIS TURNING DICTATOR AND USING THE ARMS WHICH HE HAS SECURED FROM ABROAD ON THE PRETEXT OF DEFENDING PAKISTAN AGAINST HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN WHO ARE RESISTING HIS OPPRESSIVE TACTICS. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT NEITHER WASHINGTON NOR MR. BHUTTO HAS UNDERSTOOD WHAT PAKISTAN WANTS AND HOW HER INTEGRITY AND SECURITY CAN BE ENSURED. EVEN MR. BHUTTO WILL NOT BE IRRATIONAL ENOUGH TO SAY THAT INDIA IS BEHIND THE POPULAR UPSURGE IN THE NORTH WESTERN FRONTIER PROVINCE." SCHNEIDER

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